

House Resolution 129 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 129

BY HAGER

1 A Resolution to urge the United States Senate to enact
2 the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011.

3 WHEREAS, there is uncertainty regarding possible
4 plans by the United States Environmental Protection
5 Agency (EPA) to revise the national primary and
6 secondary ambient air quality standards (40 C.F.R. pt.
7 50) as those standards could be applied to particulate
8 matter comprised of blowing dirt and naturally
9 occurring organic material common in rural areas and
10 including dust from farming operations and country
11 roads; and

12 WHEREAS, during the 112th Congress, the Farm Dust
13 Regulation Prevention Act of 2011, H.R. 1633, was
14 introduced, with 121 cosponsors, preventing the United
15 States EPA from proposing, finalizing, implementing,
16 or enforcing any regulation revising the national
17 primary and secondary ambient air quality standards on
18 particulate matter from such dust; and

19 WHEREAS, on December 8, 2011, the United States
20 House of Representatives passed the Farm Dust
21 Regulation Prevention Act of 2011 by a vote of 268
22 voting aye and 150 voting nay, which included aye
23 votes by all of Iowa's U.S. House of Representatives
24 delegation; and

25 WHEREAS, on December 13, 2011, H.R. 1633 was placed
26 on the United States Senate Legislative Calendar and
27 has received no further action by the U.S. Senate; and

28 WHEREAS, the Honorable Senator Mike Johanns, with

1 26 cosponsors, including the Honorable Senator Chuck
2 Grassley, introduced S. 1528, the Senate version of the
3 Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011, which on
4 September 8, 2011, was referred to the Committee on
5 Environment and Public Works; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
7 That the Iowa House of Representatives urges the
8 United States Senate to enact the Farm Dust Regulation
9 Prevention Act of 2011 with all possible deliberation
10 in order to effectuate this important congressional
11 protection against an unnecessary intrusion into
12 rural life and agriculture at a time when the world
13 increasingly looks to the American farmer to produce
14 its food and fiber; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
16 resolution be delivered to the Honorable Lisa P.
17 Jackson, Administrator, United States Environmental
18 Protection Agency; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
20 resolution be delivered to the Honorable Senator Harry
21 Reid, Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and
22 the Honorable Senator Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader
23 of the United States Senate; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
25 resolution be delivered to the Honorable Senator
26 Barbara Boxer, Chairman of the United States Senate
27 Committee on Environment and Public Works, and the
28 Honorable Senator James M. Inhofe, Ranking Member of
29 the United States Senate Committee on Environment and
30 Public Works; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
2 resolution be delivered to each member of Iowa's
3 congressional delegation.